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Honorable John G. Koeltl  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

**BY ECF & ELECTRONIC MAIL**

**Re: *United States v. Edwards, et al.*  
23 Cr. 578 (JGK)**

Your Honor:

Since I am currently engaged in the trial of *People v. Clifton Savage*, Bronx County Indictment Number 70302/2022, I am unable to appear at the conference scheduled for July 17, 2025, on behalf of my client Michael Edwards. Accordingly, I write to respectfully request the permission of this Court for Benjamin Zeman, counsel for co-defendant Shakeemo Hill, to appear on my behalf.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mark S. DeMarco*

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cc: All Counsel  
By ECF

*Application granted  
provided that both defendants  
agree to the representation by  
Mr. Zeman for this hearing  
so ordered.  
7/16/25 [Signature] J.G. Koeltl  
U.S.D.J.*